

Message

From: Laverdiere, Maria [Laverdiere.Maria@epa.gov]
Sent: 4/26/2022 10:24:15 PM
To: Blythers, Dorien [Blythers.Dorien@epa.gov]

Also want to connect briefly about the meeting with Rep Carter

Message

From: Laverdiere, Maria [Laverdiere.Maria@epa.gov]
Sent: 4/27/2022 9:19:03 PM
To: Morgan, Ashley [Morgan.Ashley.M@epa.gov]
CC: Lance, Kathleen [Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov]; O'Brien, Grant [OBrien.Grant@epa.gov]; Blythers, Dorien [Blythers.Dorien@epa.gov]; Niebling, William [Niebling.William@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Carter Memo
Attachments: 04.27.2022 Carter Call Memo.docx

Memo for Rep Carter coffee attached.

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Dorien is about to talk with the Administrator about what he needs.

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Subject: Carter Memo

Hi there –

Checking in on the status of this memo.

Thanks!

Ashley M. Morgan
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Message

From: O'Brien, Grant [OBrien.Grant@epa.gov]
Sent: 4/27/2022 9:53:36 PM
To: Laverdiere, Maria [Laverdiere.Maria@epa.gov]; Morgan, Ashley [Morgan.Ashley.M@epa.gov]
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Subject: RE: Carter Memo

Got it – thank you!

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Apologies, please use this memo. Caught a typo and made one other correction.

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Thanks!

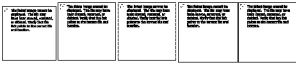
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Message

From: Bernhard, James [James.Bernhard@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 5/2/2022 3:35:58 AM
To: Morgan, Ashley [Morgan.Ashley.M@epa.gov]
CC: Blythers, Dorien [Blythers.Dorien@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Per our bosses' discussion

Thanks Ashley. Nice to meet you Dorien. Hoping we can follow up on our bosses' meeting soon. Happy to find a time if you can send some over.

James M. Bernhard III
Deputy Chief of Staff
Congressman Troy A. Carter (LA-02)
(202) 225-6636



On May 1, 2022, at 10:20 PM, Morgan, Ashley <Morgan.Ashley.M@epa.gov> wrote:

Of course! I am connecting you and Dorien Blythers here.

Please let me know if I can be helpful.

Thanks!

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From: Bernhard, James <James.Bernhard@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Sunday, May 1, 2022 10:57 PM
To: Morgan, Ashley <Morgan.Ashley.M@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Per our bosses' discussion

No problem. I knew that would likely be the case, but the Congressman appreciates the thought.

I was supposed to connect with the deputy chief for some follow up from their meeting. Can you help me facilitate that?

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 29, 2022, at 5:53 AM, Morgan, Ashley <Morgan.Ashley.M@epa.gov> wrote:

Thank you so much for sending this our way. I apologize for not responding yesterday. Unfortunately, the Administrator had a prior commitment on his calendar and was

unable to join. The Administrator looks forward to future opportunities like this and other engagements with the Congressman.

It was very nice to meet you in person yesterday, as well!

Have a great weekend.

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From: Bernhard, James <James.Bernhard@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2022 8:15 AM
To: Morgan, Ashley <Morgan.Ashley.M@epa.gov>
Subject: Per our bosses' discussion

For tonight

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From: Laverdiere, Maria [Laverdiere.Maria@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/4/2022 6:21:00 PM
To: Enobakhare, Rosemary [Enobakhare.Rosemary@epa.gov]; Bhandari, Pradnya [Bhandari.Pradnya@epa.gov]; Cortez Russell, Loni [Russell.Loni@epa.gov]; Diaz, Catherine [Diaz.Catherine@epa.gov]
CC: Blythers, Dorian [Blythers.Dorien@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Carter / Gordon Plaza

Hey all, adding in Dorian. He was going to get a fuller readout from the Administrator during his check in this week. I will also call Carter's COS to connect on it, but I was hoping to get an internal readout first.

From: Enobakhare, Rosemary <Enobakhare.Rosemary@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 2:19 PM
To: Bhandari, Pradnya <Bhandari.Pradnya@epa.gov>; Cortez Russell, Loni <Russell.Loni@epa.gov>; Diaz, Catherine <Diaz.Catherine@epa.gov>; Laverdiere, Maria <Laverdiere.Maria@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Carter / Gordon Plaza

Plus Maria L. Did Gordon Plaza come up during the Administrator's conversation with Congressman Carter? If so, can you give the details on this.

From: Bhandari, Pradnya <Bhandari.Pradnya@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 2:17 PM
To: Enobakhare, Rosemary <Enobakhare.Rosemary@epa.gov>; Cortez Russell, Loni <Russell.Loni@epa.gov>; Diaz, Catherine <Diaz.Catherine@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Carter / Gordon Plaza

Just OPEEE – did we hear from OCIR on how this conversation went and if GP was raised at all? Dr. Wright just said that Carter was going to work on something so I'm curious if it was raised during this call.

From: Laverdiere, Maria <Laverdiere.Maria@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 8:47 PM
To: Niebling, William <Niebling.William@epa.gov>; Enobakhare, Rosemary <Enobakhare.Rosemary@epa.gov>; Cortez Russell, Loni <Russell.Loni@epa.gov>; Diaz, Catherine <Diaz.Catherine@epa.gov>; Bhandari, Pradnya <Bhandari.Pradnya@epa.gov>
Cc: Lucey, John <Lucey.John.D@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Carter / Gordon Plaza

Thanks very much Prad and team OPEEE! Just a heads up that scheduling has requested this memo by noon tomorrow, so I'd be very grateful for anything you can supply tomorrow morning (or later tonight—I'll be working on it this evening) about Gordon Plaza and the New Orleans groups/engagements.

Thanks again,
Maria

From: Niebling, William <Niebling.William@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 12:54 PM
To: Enobakhare, Rosemary <Enobakhare.Rosemary@epa.gov>; Cortez Russell, Loni <Russell.Loni@epa.gov>; Diaz, Catherine <Diaz.Catherine@epa.gov>; Bhandari, Pradnya <Bhandari.Pradnya@epa.gov>
Cc: Laverdiere, Maria <Laverdiere.Maria@epa.gov>; Lucey, John <Lucey.John.D@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Carter / Gordon Plaza

Of course, sorry I left Prad off!

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Cc: Laverdiere, Maria <Laverdiere.Maria@epa.gov>; Lucey, John <Lucey.John.D@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Carter / Gordon Plaza

Plus Prad who can help with the Gordon Plaza blurb.

From: Niebling, William <Niebling.William@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 12:52 PM
To: Enobakhare, Rosemary <Enobakhare.Rosemary@epa.gov>; Cortez Russell, Loni <Russell.Loni@epa.gov>; Diaz, Catherine <Diaz.Catherine@epa.gov>
Cc: Laverdiere, Maria <Laverdiere.Maria@epa.gov>; Lucey, John <Lucey.John.D@epa.gov>
Subject: Carter / Gordon Plaza

Hi OPEEE – the Administrator just scheduled a meeting for Thursday morning with Rep. Troy Carter and we have a memo due at noon tomorrow. Can you help with a short section on Gordon Plaza, including any necessary updates? Also, anything else with New Orleans groups we should flag in that? Would be great to get something by COB since Maria will have to do most of the writing this evening, I think.

Thanks,
William

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William Niebling
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Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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Sent: 4/15/2022 5:53:48 PM
To: Blythers, Dorian [Blythers.Dorien@epa.gov]; Morgan, Ashley [Morgan.Ashley.M@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Rep. Carter Coffee

Hey Dorian,

Yes, Ill pull together a few bullets to share with you. Ashley, Ill connect you with Rep Carter's COS and Scheduler.

From: Blythers, Dorian <Blythers.Dorien@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 8, 2022 12:14 PM
To: Laverdiere, Maria <Laverdiere.Maria@epa.gov>; Morgan, Ashley <Morgan.Ashley.M@epa.gov>
Subject: Rep. Carter Coffee

Hi Maria & Ashley –

Please move forward in scheduling a 30-minute off-site coffee with Rep. Carter. This should take place at some point this month. Maria—can you put in a few bullets what the discussion topics of the meeting are expected to be?

Respectfully,

Dorien Paul Blythers (He/Him)
Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations
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From: Laverdiere, Maria [Laverdiere.Maria@epa.gov]
Sent: 4/27/2022 3:15:33 PM
To: Blythers, Dorien [Blythers.Dorien@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: FLAG: Concurrence: Agency Response - (AL-21-000-5646 - Carter)
Attachments: Congressman Carter Sr EJ Letter.FINAL.pdf

our reply to rep Carter's letter from the summer



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

OFFICE OF POLICY

October 15, 2021

The Honorable Troy A. Carter, Sr.
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Congressman Carter:

I want to sincerely thank you for your August 12, 2021, letter to EPA Administrator Michael Regan regarding our shared commitment to advancing justice and ensuring clear air, water, and land for all communities across the United States and especially those communities most overburdened and vulnerable to pollution from heavily industrialized areas such as exist in your district. The Administrator asked that I respond to your letter on his behalf.

I am the Associate Administrator for EPA's Office of Policy, which includes the Office of Environmental Justice. I am also a Louisiana native with family still in New Orleans and follow these issues closely both personally and professionally, including in two previous stints at EPA working on reduction of air pollution and in Louisiana at DEQ as Director of Policy Analysis and environmental advisor to Gov. Roemer. The Administrator and I understand the environmental challenges and the legacy of pollution that Louisiana's 2nd District is facing, and we appreciate your commitment and leadership.

As you mention in your letter, this Administration is dedicated to centering the mission of EPA on achieving justice and equity. The clear mandate delivered by President Biden and Vice President Harris on equity and environmental justice and the strong statements made by Administrator Regan make it clear that the administration and EPA share your concerns. In your letter you raise several specific requests, including the need for better and more advanced science, monitoring and compliance capacities, and pollution control technologies. You also highlighted the need to advance and integrate our understanding of the cumulative impacts experienced by communities with environmental justice issues.

The President's proposed Fiscal Year 2022 budget calls for substantial new investment in EPA's resource base for environmental justice. Along with a request to elevate the Office of Environmental Justice into a National Program Office, the President's proposal includes new investments in EPA's ability to better monitor for pollutants, funding for critical scientific research, and enhanced support for compliance and enforcement efforts. The proposed budget also includes a large increase in the funding EPA provides to communities to support on-the-ground efforts to identify challenges, build collaborations, and implement holistic solutions to achieve community-centered revitalization.


EPA has made progress on many of these priorities already through our use of \$100 million appropriated through the American Rescue Plan (ARP). EPA is already putting these ARP resources to good use across the United States through a historic investment in community, state, tribal, and local government EJ initiatives. We will also use substantial portions of these resources for enforcement and compliance monitoring, for communities and governmental partners to monitor for air pollution, a new set of analytical tools to support examination of disproportionate and cumulative impacts, and technical assistance for communities and other partners to advance their visions for cleaner, healthier, more economically vibrant futures.

More recently we have also worked closely with LDEQ and FEMA to get monitoring resources into communities to better understand and address the pollution-related impacts of Hurricane Ida. Both the Administrator and I look forward to an opportunity to visit Louisiana and discuss issues of environmental justice, climate change, and more.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Thea Williams in the EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at williams.thea@epa.gov or 202-564-2064.

Sincerely,

Arroyo,
Victoria

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Victoria
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Victoria Arroyo
Associate Administrator

Message

From: Laverdiere, Maria [Laverdiere.Maria@epa.gov]
Sent: 4/27/2022 3:36:57 PM
To: Blythers, Dorian [Blythers.Dorien@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Reply to Congressman Carter's letter
Attachments: Congressman Troy A. Carter, Sr..pdf

Here is our reply to his second letter in November.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Honorable Troy A. Carter, Sr.
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Carter:

I would like to thank you for your letter of November 5, 2021, expressing your interest in my upcoming visit to the New Orleans area as part of my Journey to Justice travel through Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas later this month.

I appreciate the invitation you have extended to visit Louisiana's Second Congressional District. I am looking forward to my visit, where I will join roundtable discussions to hear directly from residents, advocates and stakeholders; tour neighborhoods severely affected by pollution; and meet with environmental justice activists and community leaders.

I share your commitment to addressing concerns the residents of your district are raising. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Biden-Harris Administration are committed to advancing justice and ensuring clear air, water and land for all communities across the United States – especially those most overburdened and vulnerable to pollution from heavily industrialized areas such as exist in your district.

One important opportunity to tackle these longstanding challenges will be through the implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act recently passed by Congress. In addition to historic investments in water infrastructure, cleanup of contaminated sites and cleaner school buses for our kids, the bill also includes a pollution prevention program meant to help businesses receive assistance to reduce toxic pollutants and improve their business operations while better protecting the communities in which they operate.

Our agency is also putting resources from the American Rescue Plan to work serving frontline communities, including investments to increase enforcement and compliance monitoring; support communities and governmental partners to monitor for air pollution; and provide new analytical tools to help evaluate disproportionate and cumulative impacts.

Once again, thank you for the invitation to visit your district. I look forward to meeting with your constituents and continuing to collaborate with you on this important work.

Sincerely yours,


Michael S. Regan

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CC: Lance, Kathleen [Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov]; Blythers, Dorien [Blythers.Dorien@epa.gov]; Meza, Michelle [Meza.Michelle@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Scheduling a meeting for Administrator Regan & Congressman Carter
Attachments: 2021 02 09 EPA Call Sheet Template.docx

Hi Maria and William –

The coffee with Rep. Carter is confirmed for Thursday, April 28th at 8:00AM. Please have materials to me **NLT Wednesday, April 27th at 12:00PM.**

Thanks!
Ashley

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From: Richardson, Freedom <Freedom.Richardson@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 5:31 PM
To: Morgan, Ashley <Morgan.Ashley.M@epa.gov>
Cc: Laverdiere, Maria <Laverdiere.Maria@epa.gov>; Bernhard, James <James.Bernhard@mail.house.gov>; Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>; Meza, Michelle <Meza.Michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Scheduling a meeting for Administrator Regan & Congressman Carter

Confirming Congressman Carter's Coffee w/Administrator Regan for April 28, 2022 at 8:00 AM EST at *Slipstream* on 82 I Street SE.

Be in touch.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 17, 2022, at 6:33 PM, Morgan, Ashley <Morgan.Ashley.M@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Freedom –

I hope you are having a wonderful weekend! Would Congressman Carter have availability for coffee with Administrator Regan on Thursday, April 28th at 8:00AM? I am also happy to discuss other dates that might work well for the Congressman over the phone tomorrow, my cell is 202-909-9983.

Thanks!
Ashley

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Subject: Re: Scheduling a meeting for Administrator Regan & Congressman Carter

Maria,

I'm hopeful this email finds you well, and Happy *Good Friday*—if you're observing!

Looking forward to seeing this through. I'll be on the lookout for an email from Ashley at her earliest convenience. Be well.

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Warm Regards,

Freedom Fox Richardson

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Subject: Scheduling a meeting for Administrator Regan & Congressman Carter

Hi James and Freedom,

I hope your Friday afternoon is going well. We are reaching out to schedule some time for our bosses to connect one-on-one. Ashley Morgan, with the Administrator's scheduling team, is included on this email. She is currently on work travel, but she will follow up as soon as possible to discuss a time that might work for our bosses to connect over coffee.

Thanks all,

Maria Laverdiere

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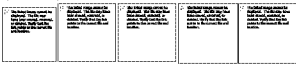
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Subject: FW: Please see the attached from Congressman Troy A. Carter, Sr.
Attachments: LettertoEPA11521.pdf

This came from Carter right around J2J. He notes he hadn't received a response to his first letter, but we had actually sent a response in October. It appears someone on our team had the wrong email, so I didn't get to James.

From: Bernhard, James <James.Bernhard@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Friday, November 5, 2021 5:59 PM
To: Laverdiere, Maria <Laverdiere.Maria@epa.gov>
Subject: Please see the attached from Congressman Troy A. Carter, Sr.

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1802

November 5, 2021

The Honorable Michael S. Regan
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
Office of the Administrator 1101A
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Regan:

As the U.S. Representative for the Second District of Louisiana, I am ecstatic to learn that you are venturing on a trip to visit my district, home to numerous historically marginalized communities. When I came to Congress, I promised to focus on these communities, and amongst my first acts as a Member of Congress was to request this very meeting. I am astounded and gravely disappointed that you chose to come during a time where you knew I would be unable to be present.

As I stated in my letter to you on August 12, 2021, I am eager to work together with you and the Biden Administration to address the disproportionate health and environmental impacts on communities, especially Black and Brown communities. The need to address their longstanding and justified environmental justice concerns begins with accurately understanding the health impacts of industrial emissions. This is one of my top priorities, and I want to thank you for taking the time to focus on this important issue in a community that has long been overlooked.

On August 12, 2021, I sent you a letter highlighting my commitment to President Biden's call to action to address the increased health risks many in my region face. I believe that industry and communities can coexist, but the health and safety of communities must always come first. No one should die for their job, their home, or their livelihood. The specific asks of that letter are outlined below:

- Increased resources to provide monitoring and testing to produce data that can help create standards of accountability and fair regulation based in scientific fact,
- Federal assistance to ensure our many industrial businesses operate as cleanly as possible,
- More resources so that all health risks could be dealt with in a holistic, scientifically accurate manner,
- Third-party monitoring, and

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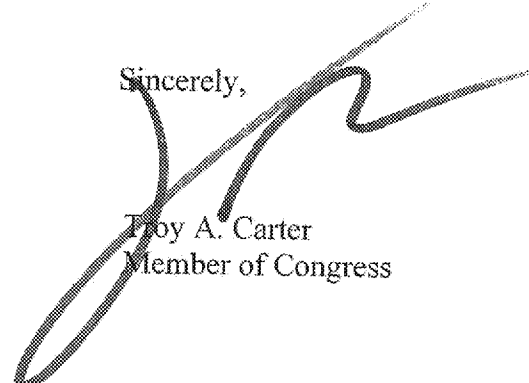
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- Resources to be dedicated to the cumulative impact modeling on health impacts of the industrial corridor from independent experts in the field.

I am sure your agency is actively engaged on these issues I wrote to you some 4 months ago. However, I have not received an update on these issues since sending my letter. Prior to visiting my district, please provide me with a written response detailing the EPA's specific actions to address these issues in the Second Congressional District of Louisiana.

Again, thank you for your continued work and the EPA's newfound dedication to addressing the injustices my community has been facing. I know that working together, we can ensure communities receive the long overdue resources they need to address these important issues.

Sincerely,



Troy A. Carter
Member of Congress

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Sent: 4/27/2022 3:19:04 PM
To: Blythers, Dorian [Blythers.Dorien@epa.gov]
Subject: Incoming Letter from Rep Carter (August 12 2021)
Attachments: 2021-08-13_Carter EPA Letter.pdf

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1802

August 12, 2021

The Honorable Michael S. Regan
Environmental Protection Agency
Office of the Administrator 1101A
1200 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Regan:

I write as the U.S. Representative for the 2nd Congressional District of Louisiana, a region that includes an industrial hub of nearly 150 oil refineries, plastics plants, and chemical facilities spanning from Baton Rouge to New Orleans, but that is foremost, an area that thousands of families call home. I look forward to working together to ensure that industry officials and communities are provided the resources necessary to garner clear, scientific facts surrounding plants emission levels and corresponding public health outcomes.

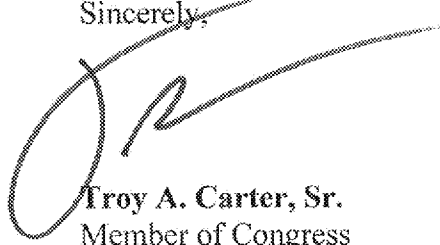
President Biden has stated that environmental justice will be at the center of any action the Administration takes in addressing disproportionate health and environmental impacts on communities, especially communities of color. I am committed to working together to answer that call to action, as the industrial corridor in my district has been identified as such an area.

Some business groups and community leaders, however, have claimed that data does not support certain labels placed on the communities in my district. Until we fully understand what the impact of industrial emissions are on the health and safety of our environment and communities, we cannot begin to claim that upholding the health and safety of our constituents is our top priority.

As the Representative for this region, I ask for increased resources to provide monitoring and testing to produce data that can help create standards of accountability and fair regulation based in scientific fact. Additionally, I ask for all possible federal assistance in ensuring our industrial businesses operate as cleanly as possible and that you assist them in developing new, cleaner technologies so that our environment can be even better than it is today. I also ask for more resources to better understand the other causes of cancer so that all health risks are being dealt with holistically. Specifically, I call for third-party monitoring as there is a documented history of self-monitoring being inadequate. Finally, I call for resources to be dedicated to the cumulative impact modeling on health impacts of the industrial corridor from independent experts in the field. The collection of independent, reliable data will allow federal, state, and local governments to make informed decisions to better the public health of our community as a whole.

Thank you for your continued work and dedication to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s mission. It is a core belief of mine that no one should die for a job and that there are solutions that can provide a clean environment alongside industry. I stand ready to work with you to ensure that our parishes are models of environmental stewardship while still maintaining a robust economy. I also invite you to visit our parishes and see first-hand the vibrant communities we are trying to protect. Working together, we can ensure that everyone in my district receives transparent and factual data to best ensure regulations are met and guided by the need to protect public health.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'C' followed by a horizontal line and a small 'P'.

Troy A. Carter, Sr.
Member of Congress

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Apologies, please use this memo. Caught a typo and made one other correction.

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Got feedback and throwing memo together. Does it work to submit in 10 minutes?

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Checking in on the status of this memo.

Thanks!

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Call Memo – Conversation with Rep Carter

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CALL SHEET

April 27, 2022

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR

FROM: Maria Laverdiere, OCIR, [[HYPERLINK "mailto:Laverdiere.Maria@epa.gov"](mailto:Laverdiere.Maria@epa.gov)], 202-961-6570

CC: Dorien Blythers, OPEEE

EVENT DATE: Thursday, April 28, 2022

TIME: 8:00 – 8:30 AM

SUBJECT: Coffee with Rep. Troy Carter

STAFFING: None

PURPOSE OF MEETIGN AND LAST INTERACTION

Representative Carter has requested this meeting with **YOU**. This coffee is a relationship building opportunity.

KEY POINTS SECTION

- I am looking forward to a continued partnership with you
- I want our teams to keep in close contact, especially in the region. Dr. Nance is a great asset and someone I know you supported for the role.
- Thank you for providing a quote for our press release announcing Journey to Justice deliverables.
- We have rescheduled our CBC breakfast for May 11—I am looking forward to hosting you and the whole caucus
- I've also been working closely with Dr. Wright on HBCU engagement
 - EPA representatives participated in the recent HBCU Environmental Justice Conference

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- I know this is an important issue to you too. I'd love to work with you more on HBCU engagement.

BACKGROUND

OPEEE provided the below updates related to community engagement in and near the Congressman's district.

Denka: We are closely monitoring Denka for being out of compliance based on concerns raised by the community.

Gordon Plaza: The agency recently met with the residents of Gordon Plaza, after which OLEM committed to re-evaluating the current data to determine if the decision of the Superfund site can be changed. In order to support any further action on the site, whether that is a relocation or additional remediation, a record needs to exist to justify the decision from a legal standpoint. OLEM is expected to be done reviewing the most recent five-year review of the site by April 29th, at which point the agency will have more information on what next steps are. The next steps

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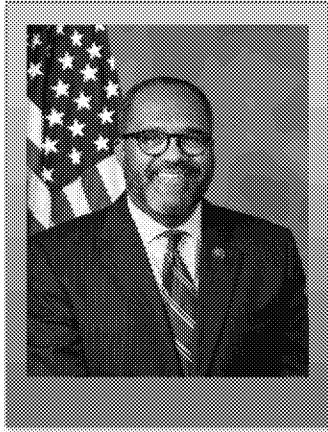


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Troy Carter, U.S. Representative (D-LA)

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The youngest of six children, Congressman Carter was raised in Algiers. He is a product of Orleans Parish Public Schools and went on to graduate from Xavier University. He earned his MBA from Holy Cross University.

In 1994, Congressman Carter was elected to the New Orleans City Council, representing District 'C', which includes Algiers, and the historic French Quarter, again becoming the first African American elected to the position. He was later elected to the State Senate for Louisiana's 7th District, where he served as the Senate Minority Leader for the Democratic Caucus. During his time as a Legislator, Congressman Carter authored and co-sponsored hundreds of bills.

As a Louisiana state legislator, Congressman Carter championed large-scale infrastructure projects, economic development, and efforts to decrease homelessness. He has also worked as a staunch advocate for criminal justice reform, women's health care, and civil rights and equality on behalf of the LGBTQI+ community. As a Congressman, he actively continues his work to address the issues above and several others, including COVID-19 relief for individuals and small businesses, environmental justice reform, and reducing student debt.

Congressman Carter is a proud husband to wife, Brigadier General Andréé Navarro-Carter of the United States Army, and father to sons Troy Jr. and Joshua. They live in Algiers, New Orleans, where Congressman Carter was born and raised.

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Subject: Re: OFFSITE COFFEE: Wednesday, April 28

We copy, thanks.

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Cell: Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C)

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Hi there –

We are tracking an offsite coffee on Thursday, April 28th at 8:00AM. Please see the details below.

Location: Slipstream, 82 I Street SE, Washington, DC
Time: 8:00AM
Reservation Name: N/A
Attendees: Administrator Regan + Rep. Troy Carter

Please let us know if you have any questions.

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Rep. Carter is on his way inside.

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Confirming receipt. Thanks!

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Good morning Freedom -

The Administrator arrived a few minutes early and has a table in the back of slipstream.

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Subject: RE: Rep Troy Carter bio.docx

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From: Levine, Carolyn <Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 5:14 PM
To: Laverdiere, Maria <Laverdiere.Maria@epa.gov>
Subject: Rep Troy Carter bio.docx

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From: Bhandari, Pradnya [Bhandari.Pradnya@epa.gov]
Sent: 4/27/2022 12:25:56 PM
To: Laverdiere, Maria [Laverdiere.Maria@epa.gov]
CC: Niebling, William [Niebling.William@epa.gov]; Enobakhare, Rosemary [Enobakhare.Rosemary@epa.gov]; Cortez Russell, Loni [Russell.Loni@epa.gov]; Diaz, Catherine [Diaz.Catherine@epa.gov]; Lucey, John [Lucey.John.D@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Carter / Gordon Plaza

Flag: Follow up

Morning Maria,

Below is a blurb on Gordon Plaza, feel free to reach out if you have any questions!

Gordon Plaza: The agency recently met with the residents of Gordon Plaza, after which OLEM committed to re-evaluating the current data to determine if the decision of the Superfund site can to be changed. In order to support any further action on the site, whether that is a relocation or additional remediation, a record needs to exist to justify the decision from a legal standpoint. OLEM is expected to be done reviewing the most recent five-year review of the site by April 29th, at which point the agency will have more information on what next steps are. The next steps

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Thanks,
Prad

On Apr 26, 2022, at 8:47 PM, Laverdiere, Maria <Laverdiere.Maria@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks very much Prad and team OPEEE! Just a heads up that scheduling has requested this memo by noon tomorrow, so I'd be very grateful for anything you can supply tomorrow morning (or later tonight—I'll be working on it this evening) about Gordon Plaza and the New Orleans groups/engagements.

Thanks again,
Maria

From: Niebling, William <Niebling.William@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 12:54 PM
To: Enobakhare, Rosemary <Enobakhare.Rosemary@epa.gov>; Cortez Russell, Loni <Russell.Loni@epa.gov>; Diaz, Catherine <Diaz.Catherine@epa.gov>; Bhandari, Pradnya <Bhandari.Pradnya@epa.gov>
Cc: Laverdiere, Maria <Laverdiere.Maria@epa.gov>; Lucey, John <Lucey.John.D@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Carter / Gordon Plaza

Of course, sorry I left Prad off!

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Cc: Laverdiere, Maria <Laverdiere.Maria@epa.gov>; Lucey, John <Lucey.John.D@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Carter / Gordon Plaza

Plus Prad who can help with the Gordon Plaza blurb.

From: Niebling, William <Niebling.William@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 12:52 PM
To: Enobakhare, Rosemary <Enobakhare.Rosemary@epa.gov>; Cortez Russell, Loni <Russell.Loni@epa.gov>; Diaz, Catherine <Diaz.Catherine@epa.gov>
Cc: Laverdiere, Maria <Laverdiere.Maria@epa.gov>; Lucey, John <Lucey.John.D@epa.gov>
Subject: Carter / Gordon Plaza

Hi OPEEE – the Administrator just scheduled a meeting for Thursday morning with Rep. Troy Carter and we have a memo due at noon tomorrow. Can you help with a short section on Gordon Plaza, including any necessary updates? Also, anything else with New Orleans groups we should flag in that? Would be great to get something by COB since Maria will have to do most of the writing this evening, I think.

Thanks,
William

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William Niebling
Associate Administrator
Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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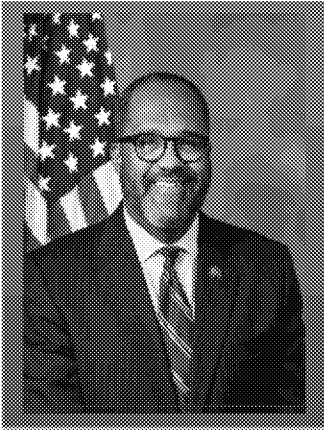
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Subject: Rep Troy Carter bio.docx
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HAC Committee Member Memo

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Troy Carter

Troy A. Carter, Sr. is serving in his first term as the Congressman from Louisiana's 2nd Congressional District, encompassing most of New Orleans, and nearby Parishes. Congressman Carter currently serves on the [HYPERLINK "https://transportation.house.gov/"] and the [HYPERLINK "https://smallbusiness.house.gov/"].

The youngest of six children, Congressman Carter was raised in Algiers. He is a product of Orleans Parish Public Schools and went on to graduate from Xavier University and earned his MBA graduating Summa Cum Laude from Holy Cross University.

As a Louisiana state legislator, Congressman Carter championed large-scale infrastructure projects, economic development, and efforts to decrease homelessness drastically. He has also worked as a staunch advocate for criminal justice reform, women's health care, and civil rights and equality on behalf of the LGBTQI+ community. As Congressman, he actively continues his work to address the issues above and several others, including COVID-19 relief for individuals and small businesses, environmental justice reform, and reducing student debt.

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Message

From: Laverdiere, Maria [Laverdiere.Maria@epa.gov]
Sent: 4/27/2022 8:58:27 PM
To: Levine, Carolyn [Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov]

can you have someone put together a bio for rep carter in the next 15-20 minutes?

Message

From: Bernhard, James [James.Bernhard@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/28/2022 12:15:26 PM
To: Morgan, Ashley [Morgan.Ashley.M@epa.gov]
Subject: Per our bosses' discussion

For tonight



James M. Bernhard III
Deputy Chief of Staff
Congressman Troy A. Carter (LA-02)
(202) 225-6636



Message

From: Bernhard, James [James.Bernhard@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 5/2/2022 2:57:27 AM
To: Morgan, Ashley [Morgan.Ashley.M@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Per our bosses' discussion
Attachments: ATT00001.txt; ATT00002.txt

No problem. I knew that would likely be the case, but the Congressman appreciates the thought.

I was supposed to connect with the deputy chief for some follow up from their meeting. Can you help me facilitate that?

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 29, 2022, at 5:53 AM, Morgan, Ashley <Morgan.Ashley.M@epa.gov> wrote:

Thank you so much for sending this our way. I apologize for not responding yesterday. Unfortunately, the Administrator had a prior commitment on his calendar and was unable to join. The Administrator looks forward to future opportunities like this and other engagements with the Congressman.

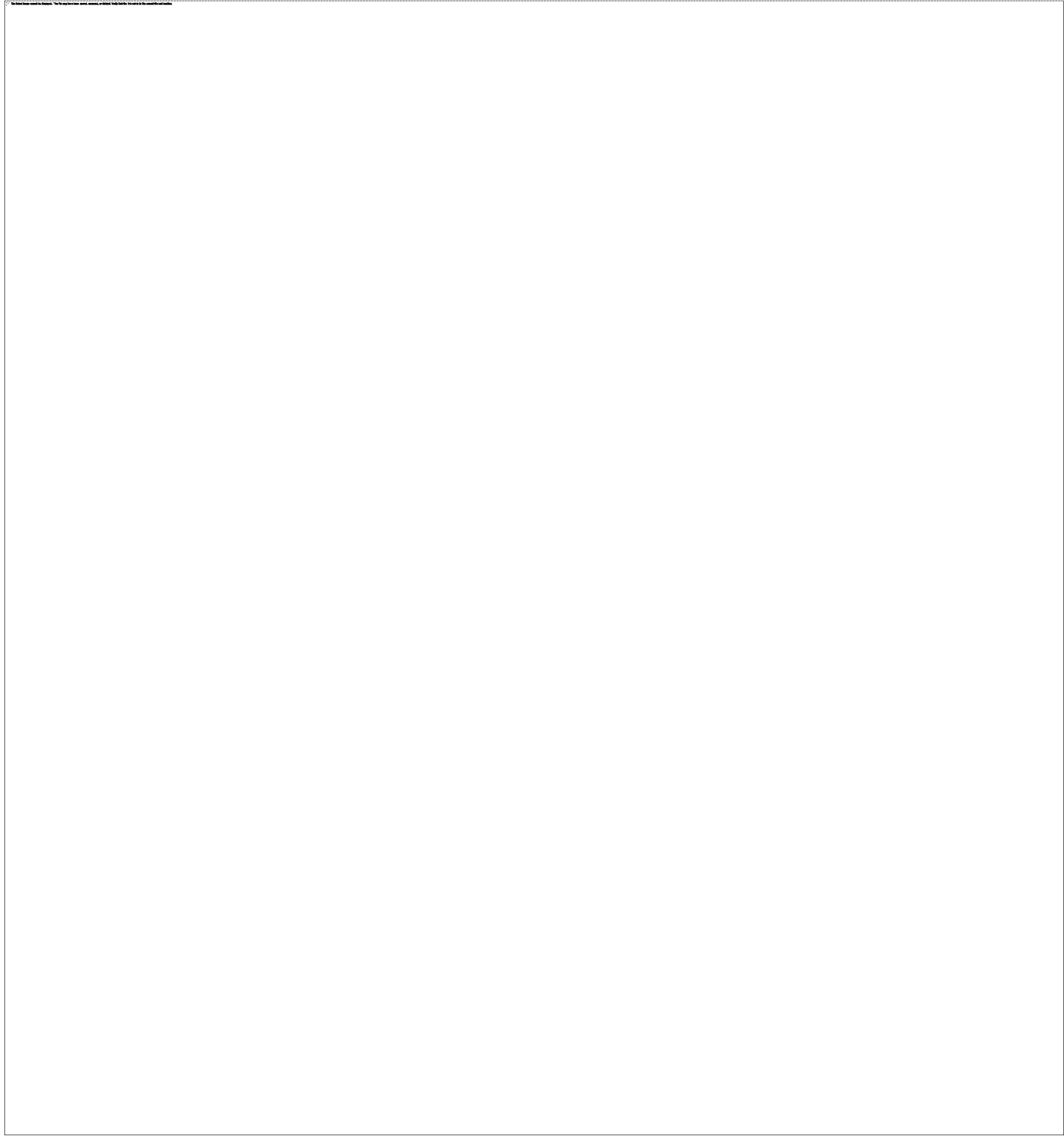
It was very nice to meet you in person yesterday, as well!

Have a great weekend.

Ashley M. Morgan
Deputy Director of Scheduling and Advance
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Cell: (202) 909-9983

From: Bernhard, James <James.Bernhard@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2022 8:15 AM
To: Morgan, Ashley <Morgan.Ashley.M@epa.gov>
Subject: Per our bosses' discussion

For tonight



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Appointment

From: Ex. 6- Michael Regan
Sent: 4/26/2022 6:34:54 PM
To: scheduling [scheduling@epa.gov]
Subject: Accepted: Coffee with Congressman Carter
Location: Slipstream, 82 I Street SE
Start: 4/28/2022 12:00:00 PM
End: 4/28/2022 12:30:00 PM
Recurrence: (none)

Appointment

From: Richardson, Freedom [Freedom.Richardson@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/26/2022 4:19:58 PM
To: scheduling [scheduling@epa.gov]

Subject: Accepted: Administrator Regan//Congressman Troy Carter, LA Coffee
Location: Slipstream, 82 I Street SE Washington, DC

Start: 4/28/2022 12:00:00 PM
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Location: Slipstream, 82 I Street SE
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Required Attendees: Ex. 6- Michael Regan

-Administrator Regan
-Congressman Troy Carter

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Subject: Administrator Regan//Congressman Troy Carter, LA Coffee
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Optional Attendees: Richardson, Freedom <Freedom.Richardson@mail.house.gov>; Laverdiere, Maria; Niebling, William

-Administrator Regan
-Congressman Troy Carter

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-Administrator Regan
-Congressman Troy Carter

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Sent: 5/9/2022 3:02:14 PM
To: Regan, Michael [Regan.Michael@epa.gov]
Subject: Meeting with Louisiana Congressman Troy Carter
Location: Washington, DC
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APPROVED BY: OCIR

CALL SHEET

April 27, 2022

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR

FROM: Maria Laverdiere, OCIR, [[HYPERLINK "mailto:Laverdiere.Maria@epa.gov"](mailto:Laverdiere.Maria@epa.gov)], 202-961-6570

CC: Dorien Blythers, OPEEE

EVENT DATE: Thursday, April 28, 2022

TIME: 8:00 – 8:30 AM

SUBJECT: Coffee with Rep. Troy Carter

STAFFING: None

PURPOSE OF MEETIGN AND LAST INTERACTION

Representative Carter has requested this meeting with **YOU**. This coffee is a relationship building opportunity.

KEY POINTS SECTION

- I am looking forward to a continued partnership with you
- I want our teams to keep in close contact, especially in the region. Dr. Nance is a great asset and someone I know you supported for the role.
- Thank you for providing a quote for our press release announcing Journey to Justice deliverables.
- We have rescheduled our CBC breakfast for May 11—I am looking forward to hosting you and the whole caucus
- I've also been working closely with Dr. Wright on HBCU engagement
 - EPA representatives participated in the recent HBCU Environmental Justice Conference

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- I know this is an important issue to you too. I'd love to work with you more on HBCU engagement.

BACKGROUND

OPEEE provided the below updates related to community engagement in and near the Congressman's district.

Denka: We are closely monitoring Denka for being out of compliance based on concerns raised by the community.

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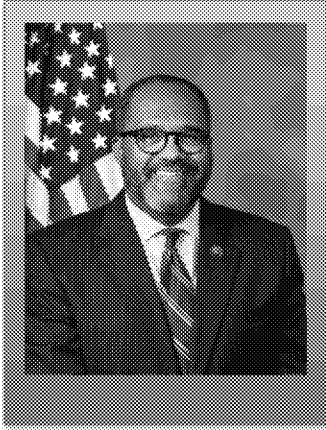


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BIOGRAPHY



Troy Carter, U.S. Representative (D-LA)

The Honorable Troy A. Carter, Sr. is serving in his first term as the Congressman from Louisiana's 2nd Congressional District, encompassing most of New Orleans, Jefferson Parish, and River Parishes including St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, Ascension, Assumption, Iberville, as well as portions of East Baton Rouge and West Baton Rouge Parish. Congressman Carter currently serves on two House Committees, the **Transportation and Infrastructure Committee** and the **Small Business Committee**.

The youngest of six children, Congressman Carter was raised in Algiers. He is a product of Orleans Parish Public Schools and went on to graduate from Xavier University. He earned his MBA from Holy Cross University.

In 1994, Congressman Carter was elected to the New Orleans City Council, representing District 'C', which includes Algiers, and the historic French Quarter, again becoming the first African American elected to the position. He was later elected to the State Senate for Louisiana's 7th District, where he served as the Senate Minority Leader for the Democratic Caucus. During his time as a Legislator, Congressman Carter authored and co-sponsored hundreds of bills.

As a Louisiana state legislator, Congressman Carter championed large-scale infrastructure projects, economic development, and efforts to decrease homelessness. He has also worked as a staunch advocate for criminal justice reform, women's health care, and civil rights and equality on behalf of the LGBTQI+ community. As a Congressman, he actively continues his work to address the issues above and several others, including COVID-19 relief for individuals and small businesses, environmental justice reform, and reducing student debt.

Congressman Carter is a proud husband to wife, Brigadier General Andréé Navarro-Carter of the United States Army, and father to sons Troy Jr. and Joshua. They live in Algiers, New Orleans, where Congressman Carter was born and raised.

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Sent: 4/9/2022 12:20:15 PM
To: Blythers, Dorien; Laverdiere, Maria
CC: Lance, Kathleen [Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Rep. Carter Coffee

Thanks, Dorien!

Hi Maria – could you please loop me in with Rep. Carter’s team?

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From: Blythers, Dorien <Blythers.Dorien@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 8, 2022 12:14 PM
To: Laverdiere, Maria <Laverdiere.Maria@epa.gov>; Morgan, Ashley <Morgan.Ashley.M@epa.gov>
Subject: Rep. Carter Coffee

Hi Maria & Ashley –

Please move forward in scheduling a 30-minute off-site coffee with Rep. Carter. This should take place at some point this month. Maria—can you put in a few bullets what the discussion topics of the meeting are expected to be?

Respectfully,

Dorien Paul Blythers (He/Him)
Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations
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